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### FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS WEEK March 24-26, 1982

10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.—Wednesday & Thursday

3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Friday at TGIF

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROPOSED CUTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION?

DO YOU KNOW HOW THEY WILL AFFECT YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS?...READ ON: THERE MAY BE SOMETHING IN IT FOR YOU...

#### PELL (BASIC) GRANTS

- 1979-80—the maximum award was \$1,800.
- 1980-81—the maximum award was \$1,750.
- 1981-82 the maximum award was \$1,670.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN 1982-83, 83-84, 84-85?

WE ANTICIPATE A 12% CUT FOR 1982-83; AWARDS MAY BE THE SAME, OR REDUCED, BUT ELIGIBILITY WILL BE CUT DRASTICALLY. FEWER STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE FEWER DOLLARS. IN 1983-84 THERE COULD BE AS MUCH AS A 30% FURTHER REDUCTION AND WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN 1984-85.

#### NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS (NDSL)

- The interest rate increased from 3% to 4% in July, 1981. In October, only 3 months later, it went to 5%.
- UB received 23% fewer dollars from the Department of Education for 1981-82; fewer students can now borrow from this low-interest loan program.
- REAGAN'S BUDGET WOULD ELIMINATE ALL NEW FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR THIS PROGRAM.

#### GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS (GSL)

- In January, 1981, the interest rate for new borrowers increased from 7% to 9%.
- In August, 1981 a 5% "origination fee" was imposed; \$125 was automatically deducted from all \$2500 loans. You still owed \$2500, but received \$2375.
- In October, 1981, students whose family income exceeded \$30,000 were required to demonstrate "financial need" in order to borrow. "Need in order to borrow." Need for students receiving Social Security is reduced, dollar for dollar, by their total benefits.

#### REAGAN'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS FOR 1982-83 INCLUDE:

- A 10% ORIGINATION FEE—\$250 DEDUCTED FROM A \$2500 LOAN.
- VARIABLE INTEREST RATES. YOUR DEBT COULD BE HIGHER AFTER YOU LEAVE SCHOOL.
- ELIMINATION OF INTEREST SUBSIDY, WHICH MEANS YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY INTEREST WHILE YOU ARE IN SCHOOL OR THE INTEREST MAY BE ADDED TO YOUR REPAYMENT WHICH WILL INCREASE YOUR DEBT.
- ELIMINATION OF LOANS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS. ARE YOU IN GRADUATE SCHOOL OR PLANNING TO GO? HOW WILL YOU PAY FOR IT?

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## B.O.D. News Flash:

"Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be shown Thursday night at 8, 10, and Midnight, Sunday at 8:00 p.m.

# GIVE SOME BLOOD SAVE A LIFE

by Tina Tenke

It's coming! The Spring-time Bloodmobile will be here on April 5 and April 6, (Monday and Tuesday) from 12:30-5:30 p.m. It is held in the Student Center Social Room. Please mark it on your calendar and save someone's life. You'll never know when the life you save could be someone you know.

Many people ask, "Why should I give?" Well, to that I answer "Why shouldn't you?" The truth is many people are just plain scared. Imagine how the person who is bleeding to death feels or the one who is dying of some kind of blood disease. They are scared too. People need blood every day. Don't be afraid to help someone. There are many reasons why a person can not give, but if you can, make it a point this time to do so. Speak to some people that have given blood. Most will tell you they were scared the first time, too. Nobody likes needles. Think of it in a more positive sense. Do it because you want to help someone less fortunate than yourself.



For those of you that have never given blood let me explain what happens. First, you walk in and sign in at the reception desk. The next place you go is to the typewriter ladies. Here they ask you some questions, such as name, address, age, etc. Then you move on to the next stop which is where you read the health questionnaire and answer the questions. You also have your temperature taken. Then you move on to the health history nurse. She asks you some more questions, takes your blood pressure and pulse, and also tests your hemoglobin level. If you pass all of this you are allowed to give blood. Then you go to the area where they collect the blood. This is the part you've been waiting for. It only takes between 5 and 7 minutes.

The nurse will look at both your arms to determine which has the best vein. Then she'll clean your arm with an antiseptic. Then you'll feel a slight pinch, (it may sting for a few seconds) you have done it. Relax, after 5-7 minutes the nurse will take the needle out and it's over. You have just saved someone's life. It's amazing what one pint of blood can do. Then you are escorted over to the canteen area for some O.J. and cookies. As soon as you feel strong enough you can leave.

Please try to give this time. Remember "All you'll feel is Good". If you have any questions about giving blood, ask your dorm president. Anything they can't answer call the American Red Cross (576-1010). I hope to see you there.

B.O.D. CONCERT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

# THE MARSHALL MARTIN LUTHER BAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1982 8:00 P.M.  
 THE HARVEY HUBBELL GYM  
 UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
 Tickets: \$7.00 With Full-Time U.B.D. \$9.00 Part-Time/Faculty/Low  
 \$10.00 General Public and All Tickets Day of Show  
 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE STUDENT CENTER DESK  
 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 576-4016 or 576-4485



## Nice Stuff

### S.C. Election Study Skills

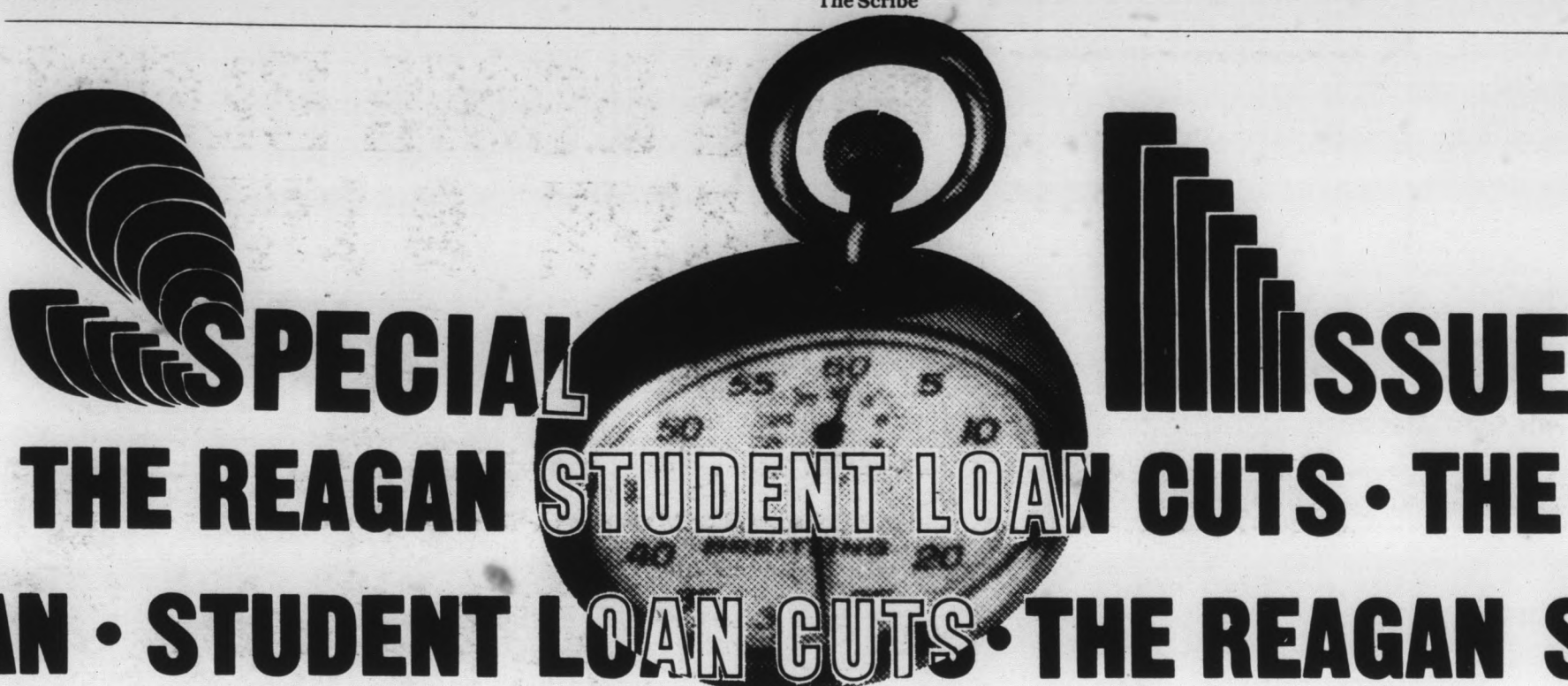
To run for any office of the Student Council (President, Vice-President, Class Officers or College Senators), you must first get a petition for the office you are interested in, and follow the particular rules stated in each respective petition. All the petitions may be gotten from Mrs. Jill Bray in room 114 of the Student Center, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Petitions for President and Vice-President of the Student Council will become available on March 31st at 9 a.m., and must be completed and returned no later than April 7th at 4:30 p.m. to Mrs. Bray. Elections will be held on April 15th & 16th for these offices. Petitions for Class Officers and College Senators will become available on April 7th at 9 a.m., and must be completed and returned no later than April 14th at 4:30 p.m. to Mrs. Bray. Elections for these positions will be held on April 20th & 21st. Think about it. This is your chance to become involved with some of the most involved people on campus.

"The Minicomputer for the Layman" is a workshop incorporating study skills, such as how to take tests, how to take good lecture notes, how to read a textbook chapter, and an introduction to the minicomputer. It will be offered in the Learning Center, Wahlstrom Library, beginning Wednesday, March 24, at 1:00. Interested students should visit the Learning Center during the week or call Tuesday 10:00 to 1:00 or Wednesday, 3:00 to 5:00 at X4182.

### Journalism Banquet

Attention Journalism/Communication Department students and faculty. Tickets are now available for the Annual Department Banquet on Saturday, April 3, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Tickets for this Dinner/Dance are \$8.00 per person, BYOB. They can be purchased in North Hall Rm. 214.





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### COLLEGE WORK STUDY PROGRAMS (CWSP)

—The Department of Education cut UB's Allocation by 10% in 1981-82.

PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS PROPOSED A FURTHER CUT OF APPROXIMATELY 27% FOR 1983-84.

YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS MAY BE UNABLE TO FIND A JOB ON CAMPUS NEXT YEAR.

### SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (SEOG)

—In 1982-83 we anticipate a slight cut over the 1981-82 allocation.

REAGAN'S CUT WOULD ELIMATE THIS PROGRAM ENTIRELY. THIS WOULD MEAN SOME 350 STUDENTS WOULD HAVE APPROXIMATELY 1000 LESS IN FINANCIAL AID. ARE YOU ONE OF THESE STUDENTS?

### SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

—In 1981-82, all benefits are being directly deducted from "Need" for loans.

—In 1982-83, benefits will be deducted from "Need" for Pell Grants as well.

CURRENT RECIPIENTS WILL RECEIVE 25% LESS PER MONTH, AND BENEFITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ONLY 8 MONTHS, EVEN IF YOU ARE IN SCHOOL FOR THE OTHER FOUR. NO NEW STUDENT WILL RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AT ALL.

IN ADDITION TO THE FEDERAL CUTS, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FUNDS COULD ALSO BE IN JEOPARDY.

### CT. 551

—In the past 5 years, total Ct. 551 has increased by 0%.

Each year the State Legislator reviews the necessity of this program.

THIS YEAR WE COULD LOSE UP TO 10% OF OUR FUNDING OR AT WORSE THE WHOLE PROGRAM COULD BE ELIMINATED. APPROXIMATELY 600 CT. RESIDENTS COULD BE AFFECTED BY THE ELIMINATION OF THE PROGRAM.

**CAN WE DO SOMETHING TO STOP THE CUTS? YES!**

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD—JOIN THE WRITE-IN DURING FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS WEEK!**

**WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR CONGRESSPERSON. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO HE OR SHE IS WE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU. WE'LL SUPPLY THE PAPER, ENVELOPES, PENS AND MAIL IT FOR YOU.**

Tables will be set up in the Student Center, Wednesday, March 24, 1982, will be specifically for STATE OF CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS who wish to write their state legislators, on the Continuation of Ct. 551 money. This session will be held in the Student Center Rooms 213-215.

March 25 and 26 will be federal Financial Aid letter writing days. These sessions will be held in The Faculty Reading room Thursday, March 25 and at TGIF March 26, 1982.



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### EDITORIAL

by Lisa A. Sahulka

An off Broadway play currently supports a pun regarding an Ivy League scholarship student—a boy who is "black, gay, and poor", and therefore "better funded than the Joffrey Ballet, Channel 13, and Muscular Dystrophy put together." While the comment is certainly witty, it is far from timely in wake of the Reagan budget cuts.

Students nationwide will be under extreme financial pressure, resulting from the reductions in educational aid. Reagan's efforts are ripping up federal programs from the Pell Grants for disadvantaged students, to the Guaranteed Student Loan program, which assists primarily middle income students. And the administration isn't quite satisfied with the current reductions either. It is seeking further substantial cuts for the 1983-84 academic year, including THE END of graduate eligibility for Guaranteed Student Loans.

It is almost difficult to take all of this very seriously. Indeed, the thought that the federal government would deny that most basic principle of the American Dream, education, is heresy, and lunacy. Yet despite the other-world atmosphere of the cuts, they are going to happen. David A. Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, best described the elitist thinking taking place on Capitol Hill. He said, "I do not accept the notion that the Federal Government has an obligation to fund generous grants to anybody that wants to go to college. If people want to go to college bad enough, then there is opportunity and responsibility on their part to finance their way through the best they can."

The statement is packed with the remnants of "let them eat cake," which is not an unfamiliar delicacy to the Reagan diet. Only this cake is more like that of *Alice in Wonderland*, except the growth is intellectual, and the lack of it is disaster. Today, a college education is not a luxury. It is essential. Receiving a degree puts you on the ground floor of most careers, at a job you possibly could have done 10 years ago without college. If there is any extra to education in 1982, it may well be graduate school. But this is merely an additional step, not at all like the punch education used to promise.

This being the case, it seems likely the Reagan cuts will change the educational system in these ways:

Less middle and lower class students will go to college, and of those who can afford it, few will go on to graduate work.

There will be few qualified professors available to teach and perpetuate college level curriculum.

There will be few qualified to maintain a scientific equilibrium with United States competitors.

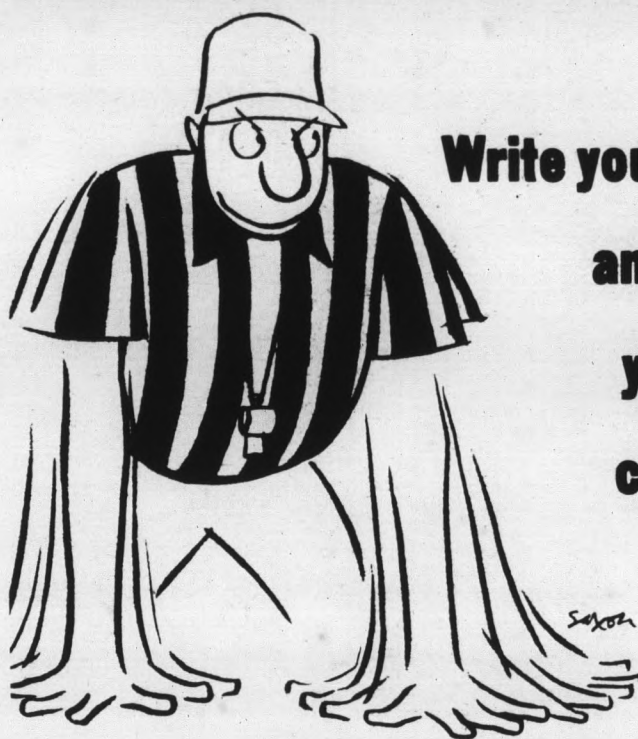
College will become a materialistic function—a trade as such—rather than the glorified pursuit of knowledge.

It will become, for all intents, an elitist's domain.

In the next two years, some students currently enrolled will find their college experience is over.

This last possibility is very real to most college students. Less than a month ago more than 5,000 students rallied at Capitol Hill to protest the Reagan cuts. While this is unequivocally an accurate means of attack, others are available as well. Writing letters to your congressperson is one of the most promising options. I cannot emphasize enough that what Ronald Reagan is doing now is going to effect you now. Next year you may find your aid cut. It is essential that you are aware of this point. Write your congressperson, and let him/her know you are an informed college student, and you don't like what you know.

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### The Loss

Should President Reagan's proposed budget cuts for 1983-84 become a reality, the University of Bridgeport would lose the following Federal Aid for students:

	# of Students	'81-82 Funding	'83-84 Funding	% of Loss
(1) Pell Grant Reductions	328	\$983,376	\$346,688	50%
(2) SEOG Elimination	351	349,400	0	100%
(3) GWSF Reduction	90	285,779	191,361	28%
(4) NDLS Elimination of New Federal Money	148	147,846	0	100%
Total	915	\$1,456,410	\$538,049	
Total Potential Loss		\$918,361		

In addition to these cuts, Guaranteed Student Loans for Graduate Students are also proposed to be eliminated. 720 of our graduate students are currently borrowing under this program.

The University staff will seek every opportunity to compensate for these cuts. We feel, however, that the responsibility of the President, the Congress and the people of this Nation, is to assure that the students who truly

need financial aid to attend post secondary institutions should be given this opportunity.

### Please Write!

During Financial Aid Awareness Week the Financial Aid Office Staff and various student volunteers will be available to assist in our letter writing campaign.

The intent of the letter writing campaign is to have your voice heard. Each letter should be written as a personal note to your Congressperson.

Financial Aid Office staff and students will offer recommendations and suggestions as to the content of your letter. However, the letter is from you, to talk about how these cuts will affect you!

Please join us in the Student Center from March 24-26 to make your voice heard!

If you cannot attend these sessions you can still make your voice heard! Please write!

### Financial Aid Reminder

The deadline for applying for financial aid for the 1982-83 academic year is May 1, 1982. Your FAF (Financial Aid Form) from CSS (College Scholarship Service) and your University of Bridgeport financial aid application must be in our office by May 1,

1982. This means that the FAF must be mailed to CSS, no later than April 1, 1982.

Since there will be limited federal financial aid this year, we must adhere to our deadline.

If your FAF, from CSS is received in our office after May 1, 1982, we cannot

promise that you will receive financial aid for the 1982-83 academic year.

If you have any questions, please visit the Financial Aid Office on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.